

FISCAL NOTE

SB 745 - HB 1786

March 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that access to criminal histories has a law enforcement purpose if such access is by counties having a population in excess of 100,000 that choose to license and regulate persons operating vehicles for hire or employ persons to transport members of the public, and that choose to disqualify someone for a license or permit or refuse to hire someone because of a specified criminal conviction. Under current law this provision only applies to counties having a metropolitan form of government and a population exceeding 100,000 (Davidson) and counties having a population of not less than 825,000 nor more than 830,000 (Shelby) according to the 1990 or any subsequent federal census. By specifying this access to criminal histories to additional counties, local governments in such counties wanting to disqualify someone for a vehicle for hire license or permit or refuse to hire someone because of a specified criminal conviction would have to require all applicants for license, permits or employment submit a full set of fingerprints and undergo a criminal records investigation.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$28,000

Increase State Revenues - \$36,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - \$36,000 / Permissive

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - \$36,000 / Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- a recurring increase in expenditures of approximately \$10,000 for the personnel and administrative expenses of the TBI to process and enter fingerprints.
- state expenditures for FBI fingerprint checks are estimated to be \$18,000 annually based on 750 projected applicants each year in affected counties at a cost of \$24 per check.
- the increases in state revenues and local government expenditures are based on a fee of \$48 paid by the local government for each fingerprint check. It is assumed that the local governments will charge this \$48 fee to all applicants as provided for in the law for an increase in revenues.
- local governments would charge a fee to cover the expenses associated with taking fingerprints of applicants. The increase in expenditures and revenues associated with fingerprinting are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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